

## Not A Party Question

IN DEFEATING free cattle by a caucus vote of 122 to 79, the Democratic house of representatives has been consistently American and consistently Democratic. The tariff on cattle is strictly and exclusively a protective tariff. Nobody can possibly claim that it is in any sense a proper source of a strictly revenue tariff, for not only does it affect the cost of living for everybody, but also it does not produce enough revenue in itself to make it an important division of the schedule.

The tariff on cattle is a tariff on a staple of universal consumption, and as such would of course have no part in a strictly Democratic "tariff for revenue only." The tariff on cattle—which we wholly approve in principle and in practice—is strictly a protective tariff, without which the industry in this country, already at a low ebb, would languish still further and the last condition would be worse than the first.

In a word, the sustaining of the cattle producing industry in this country is more important to the masses of the people than is the paying of the small tax involved in the protective tariff.

This is equally true of a great many other industries, and the anti-protectionists, who may be either Republicans, Progressives, or Democrats, are generally quick willing to waive their free-trade ideas and accept the protective principle whenever their particular sectional or personal interests are involved.

Similarly, the protectionists, who number Democrats, Republicans, and Progressives, are generally willing to accept "free trade" when it benefits themselves by cheapening to them the cost of raw material for manufacturing, or when it hurts a competitive industry.

The whole question of the tariff is no longer legitimately a party question; the protective principle in applying the tariff is now recognized and accepted as a fixed American principle of the fiscal program, while the details of its application are matters of sectional and personal interest, not matters of party agreement or sincere fulfillment of platform demands. There is nothing wrong in congressmen looking out for the interests of their constituents, but the fun comes in watching the efforts of some statesmen to appear consistent while defying all the precepts of departed daddies of the party.

The attitude of mind of the present day "free-trade protectionist" may be summed up thus: "I don't believe in a protective tariff, because my father did not believe in it and my college professor told me it was bad political economy; but I can see that the country has thrived under the protective tariff system, and I know my constituents demand it; so, if there is to be protection, I am going to get my full share of it for my constituents, and I'll use free trade only as a threat to other sections to get the protection I want for my own."

The protective tariff is no longer a party issue, and the same change is taking place in numerous other branches of administration of government. There can be no Republican or Democratic currency policy, foreign policy, immigration policy, reclamation policy, conservation policy, internal improvement policy, governmental efficiency policy, civil service policy, corporation policy, law enforcement policy, traffic regulation policy, national defense policy, scientific research policy, public education policy, postal service policy, and so on.

All these questions, and the thousand other pressing problems of state, must be solved after full discussion along national lines, and to their solution the best minds of all parties will be applied, and the working out must be the task and the responsibility of all.

When men learn to think of their partisanship and party divisions last and not first, a long stride will have been taken toward more efficient, progressive and economical government.

Japanese wish to be given the right of becoming American citizens. The desire is due to the intended discrimination against them in the California alien land ownership law. California's legislation in reference to oriental taxes will get the United States into grave trouble some day, for foreigners cannot understand the "hands off" policy of the Washington government toward the state governments, under our constitution.

## May Deport Suffragets

IT WOULD seem impossible for the British suffragets to select a better means than they have selected, to put suffrage off 400 years longer. How in the world those people, by wrecking trains, blowing up residences, burning depots, and destroying the mails, expect to impress their fellow citizens with their fitness to govern, is one of the great mysteries.

The curious thing is that these demons of destruction are not ignorant or debased or of the criminal or pauper class, but on the contrary, they are led by recognized social leaders and their ranks are filled with women of the middle classes who are otherwise eminently respectable.

It is proposed to invoke the alien export law, and send back to America all the destroyers who went over here—and there are many. It is proposed to go further and deport all the women who commit crime against persons or property, public or private, in the name of suffrage, sending them to some British colony where they can institute any laws they like and extend suffrage to whom they like.

Some such drastic measures will have to be taken, for the general demoralization is spreading to all classes, and the criminally inclined, especially youthful hoodlums, are learning from the suffragets how to despise the law and all its representatives, and how to express their contempt in the most incredible ways.

## Anything But Popular

ANNOUNCEMENT of the policy of president Wilson and postmaster general Burleson to retain Republican postmasters in office until their terms expire will not meet with the enthusiastic approval of the party in power, but any other course would be so inconsistent with the oft expressed principles of the president and his party that to have done otherwise would have been ridiculous.

The postmasters in the smallest offices are now under civil service rules, but the postmasters in the cities and towns will, within the term of president Wilson, be replaced with Democrats, and no doubt any succeeding administration would respect the appointments as president Wilson is doing with those of president Taft.

## One-Sentence Philosophy

### QUAKER MEDITATIONS.

(Philadelphia Record.)

Peace with her victories, but some of us hate peace.

It doesn't take an editor to turn down a hard luck story.

Even when a woman is a perfect pious she is seldom averse to flattery.

Before a man can leave footprints in the sands of time he must accomplish some feat.

A girl of 16 never sees a play without noting a striking resemblance between herself and the heroine.

We can't have everything we want, many a man with a corn beef and cabbage appetite has one of those milk toast stomachs.

Tommy's Pop, what is an expert?

Tommy's Pop, an expert, my son, is a person who is able to impress us with how little we really know.

"Some things are better left unsaid," quoted the Wise Guy. "Sure," agreed the Simple Mug. "Every breach of promise suit demonstrates that."

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

(New York Times.)

A very small family can always live up to a big income.

Women never have to wait for the end of a funny story to miss the point.

A man who doesn't trust women deserves to be fooled by them just the way he will be.

Service has a long way to go before it gets to be loyalty.

It is safe way to stay out of jail is to be very good, and a safer, to be very rich.

Most people are so satisfied they are doing better that they can't see they are doing worse.

Any way you look at it, it's better to think you're a wise man than to know you are a fool.

### POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

(Chicago News.)

Cut out the flax and furs and fill up on coal and gas.

A homely woman doesn't look it after you get used to her.

It is easier and cheaper to get married than it is to get unmarried.

There's nothing like a good marriage to make a man a good man.

One may have the courage of his convictions and yet not amount to much.

All women have long and beautiful hair in story books. In real life it is a mass of tangled hair.

During courtship a man easily makes a dollar look like 30 cents. After marriage he tries to make 30 cents look like a dollar. This is less easy.

GLOBE SIGHTS.

(Athens Globe.)

Even an apple finds it difficult to conceal that it has been in cold storage all winter.

Which is the first indication that he eventually will amount to something.

That he doesn't amount to anything, which is the first indication that he is a failure.

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## Behind the Wall

A Short Story.

IN the midst of a vast plain lies a great black fortress on the banks of a big river. Toward evening, when everything else is silent, the rushing waves alone break the silence of nature.

Inside the fortress all the floors were full of prisoners. During the day the house was like a tomb, a catacomb, in which all the holes were full of living and name people, sleeping on mattresses or staring at some object or other inside the cell until they were on the verge of madness.

But when evening came the building awoke to life. Everywhere prisoners were talking on the walls and along the stone corridors. The prisoners were able to carry on long conversations. Occasionally the sound of heavy steps along the stone corridors plunged the whole building into silence, and when the jailer had passed life began again.

The prisoners became accustomed to their mute existence, they could only talk with their fingers, and they even learned to form a system of thought by the character of their correspondent and his social position from the way he knocked. Suddenly, however, they were seized with a desire to try out loud, to talk a little, as if to ascertain whether they really still possessed a tongue.

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